

City Council  
Transportation  
Subcommittee  
*Meeting Minutes*

**Date/Time:** Thursday, April 5, 2007

**Where:** Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room

**Attendants:** Mayor Jose Esteves, Council Member Gomez  
**Staff:** Greg Armendariz, Janice Nadal, Jaime Rodriguez  
*Quorum was established*

**1. Call to Order**

- The Transportation Subcommittee (Subcommittee) meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Public Forum**

*There were no citizens present*

**4. Approval of May & November 2006, and February Meeting Minutes\***

- The Transportation Subcommittee approved the minutes for May & November 2006, and February 2007.

**5. Great American Litter Pick Up (VTA Presentation)**

- John Sighamony from the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) requested from the Subcommittee participation in the Great American Litter Pick Up event, taking place on May 19, 2007. Currently, San Jose and Campbell are participating at locations within their cities such as parks and creeks. Mr. Sighamony asked if there is a site in Milpitas for the City to participate in for litter pick up and beautification.
- Mr. Sighamony stated if the City is interested in gathering volunteers for this event, to contact him. May 19, 2007 is also National Creek Clean up. Supplies will be provided by the VTA.
- Staff Janice Nadal mentioned in the past, the Utility Engineering Section hosted a creek clean up in May and September. Staff can check on this date.
- Staff Greg Armendariz mentioned the on and off ramps near the freeways are good locations as well.
- Council Member Gomez asked if this item should be on the City Council Agenda. Mr. Armendariz said this item could be placed on the Council agenda as informational.

**6. BART Update (VTA Presentation)**

**a. Milpitas Station Architecture**

- Hassan Basma and Eli Naor from the VTA presented the station architecture renderings to the Subcommittee.
- Mr. Basma mentioned that the VTA and the City have presented these renderings to the Public Arts Commission & Planning Commission, and

will present to the BART Community Working Group members of Milpitas on April 10. A preferred architectural design will be brought to the May 1 City Council meeting. The ultimate goal is to recommend the preferred station architecture designs for all stations to the BART Policy Advisory Board in May and the VTA Board in June. These designs will be included in the 65% preliminary engineering process.

- Mayor Esteves asked if all stations would look the same. Mr. Basma said every station would be different.
- Mr. Naor, the station architect, provided an illustrative discussion on the station design renderings, which included a vaulted arch theme with open space, art opportunities, and technology. The design is to create livable communities, create a sense of space, gateways for the community. Mr. Naor mentioned that a multiple of input from the community realizing the importance of the station, as it is the first stop into Santa Clara County, tied for the highest ridership with San Jose's downtown station. There will be plenty of light. The station will have natural heat and air, as there are louvers at the top of the roof that will allow for heat to rise and air to cool.
- Ms. Nadal mentioned the comments from the Planning Commission, such as reflective glass, parking structure aesthetics, and the attention to environmental/sustainable design.
- Mr. Armendariz mentioned that staff has requested design that had a center platform to accommodate the ridership, security, and access.
- Mr. Rodriguez mentioned the design does not include staff request to provide a station design north of the existing station design so that it is under Montague. Mr. Rodriguez requests the Subcommittee to approve the design with a depiction of north renderings. Mr. Basma mentioned the purpose of this project is to adopt a theme to carry forward. Mr. Basma mentioned that there will be a response from the VTA regarding the City of Milpitas letter regarding their request for a north station design under Montague. Mr. Basma clarified that if the architectural theme of what we want to move forward with 65%.
- Mayor Esteves mentioned how would you meet climate changes. Mr. Naor mentioned with the amount of glass, there is heat absorbed as well as the louvers to cool. Mr. Naor mentioned that commuters usually dress in outdoor elements. The station will be warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. The training coming into the station will be natural ventilating.
- Mayor Esteves mentioned the design looks like the Ocean Supermarket (on Park Victoria). Mr. Naor said the height is very dramatic that it would not look like the supermarket.
- The Transportation Subcommittee approved the station architecture theme with a request to depict north renderings.

**b. Technical Coordination Memorandum**

- Mr. Rodriguez presented a list of design items the VTA and the City of Milpitas are working on regarding the BART alignment. The VTA has

proposed the use of Technical Coordination Memorandum (TCM) to document design decisions between the VTA and the City of Milpitas. The TCM will also be used as the basis of a formal agreement when a specific or more binding agreement is warranted later. The scope of each TCM will be limited to specific localized areas or specific systems. The

- The Design items that will require a TCM are:
  - Montague Station Architectural Theme
  - Montague Station and Pedestrian Over Crossing Configuration
  - Milpitas Blvd. Extension Configuration and Signal
  - Montague Site Plan Configuration including Parking Garage
  - Berryessa Creek Crossing and Abel Street Over Crossing
  - Dixon Landing Road Crossing
  - Capitol Avenue Crossing
  - Montague Expressway Crossing
- Once the Technical Coordination Memorandum is agreed upon, this will be memorialized with a Letter of Understanding (LOU) between VTA and the City. City staff will present each LOU and TCM to both the Transportation Subcommittee and the City Council for approval. It is recommended that the Council authorize the City Manager to sign the LOU and the Public Works Director/City Engineer to sign the TCM after Council's approval.
- Mr. Armendariz mentioned that the City will not sign any of the TCMs & LOUs until an agreement has been reached by the City of Milpitas.
- Council Member Gomez mentioned his involvement with the VTA committees. He is unable to be on the VTA Board, Policy Advisory Committee, and BART Policy Advisory Board (alternate). Ms. Nadal stated in 2008, Milpitas will have an alternate seat on the VTA Board. Council Member Gomez will make this statement at the April 17 City Council meeting.

## **7. Speed Survey:**

- a. Yosemite Drive from Sinclair Frontage Road to Milpitas Blvd
  - Staff Jaime Rodriguez requested the speed between Sinclair Frontage Road to Milpitas Boulevard be changed from 40 mph between Milpitas Boulevard and Sinclair Frontage Road to 35 mph to be consistent along the street. From Sinclair Frontage Road to Dempsey Road and Gibraltar Drive to Milpitas Boulevard, the speed limit of 30 mps will stay the same.
  - The Transportation Subcommittee approved the speed limit change.

## **8. Other Business**

*All items under "Other Business" are for information and updates only. City staff will follow up on these items and possibly agendize for future meetings.*

- Council member asked about traffic improvements along Escuela Parkway. Mr. Rodriguez stated an enhanced crosswalk on Arizona Avenue, midblock will be installed in May.

**9. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting- April 26, 2007**

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.